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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 5, 2001, said period of response being extended from February 5, 2001 to May 5, 2001. Our check in the amount of \$445 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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